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ABSTRACT

"Darwin's Revolution in Thought" is Stephen Jay Gould's definitive treatise on Charles Darwin. This 50-minute classroom edition videotaped lecture is structured in the form of a paradox and three riddles about Darwin's life. Each is designed to shed light on one of the key features of the theory of natural selection, its philosophical radicalism, and why it has been so poorly understood. Using evolution biology, history of science, and social history Gould presents the picture of how human biases--philosophical, cultural, and spiritual--have continued to resist Darwin's theory, inverting it into its own scientific and philosophical opposite. Both popular culture and science alike reveal the profound ironies of unwillingness to come to terms with what Darwinism actually entails and the tragic consequences on thinking about human evolution and race. The teacher's guide is an outline of the lecture divided into eight sections each containing main themes and points from the lecture. At the end of each section are suggested topics and questions for writing or discussion. This detailed outline contains at least summary answers to most questions and discussion topics suggested. (JRH)

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